

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium ~~computerized system,~~
comprising ~~A) a computerized central network core site comprising: at least one~~
~~computer readable storage medium and a program therein instructed for~~
interesting and retaining at least one qualified purchaser or licensee of a patent ~~or~~
~~trade secret,~~ said program having machine readable program code for ~~permitting~~
providing the purchaser to ~~attain~~ access to varying levels of information
disclosure relating to said patent ~~or trade secret in said computer readable storage~~
~~medium~~ based on levels of interest and said machine readable program code
protecting said levels of information disclosure,

wherein said machine readable program code which when executed causes
a computer to perform the steps of computerized system comprising:

- i. ~~machine readable code for permitting receiving from a seller the~~
input of and presenting a seller to present a first level of
information disclosure that is confidential and secure of said patent
~~or trade secret relating to a product or method from said computer~~
~~readable storage medium to a prospective purchaser and request~~
requesting a first response, said first response comprising a
fulfillment of a first demand by the purchaser;
- ii. ~~machine readable code for permitting accepting the fulfillment by~~
the purchaser of the to fulfill the first demand;
- iii. ~~machine readable code for permitting receiving from the seller the~~
input of and presenting the seller to present a second level of
additional information disclosure ~~of said patent or trade secret~~
~~relating to said product or method from said computer readable~~
~~storage medium~~ that is more confidential and is more secure than
the first level of disclosure and ~~request requesting~~ a second
response, said second response comprising fulfillment of a second
demand by the purchaser;

iv. ~~machine readable code for permitting~~ accepting the fulfillment by the purchaser to fulfill of the second demand;

and wherein at least one level of information disclosure comprises an amount of description of said product or method; and
v. ~~machine readable code for permitting~~ optionally receiving and presenting an offer by the seller one of the seller or purchaser and receiving and presenting an acceptance by the other of the seller or purchaser optionally to enter into a contract relative to the patent or trade secret.

2. (currently amended) The ~~system~~ computer readable medium of claim 1, wherein said machine readable program code which when executed causes the computer to receive and present ~~permits the seller to present~~ additional levels of disclosure ~~comprising and~~ request for additional responses, said additional responses comprising fulfillment of additional demands, wherein the purchaser fulfills said demands before entering into the contract.

3. (currently amended) The ~~computerized system~~ computer readable medium of claim 1, wherein said contract is a licensing agreement.

4. (currently amended) The ~~computerized system~~ computer readable medium of claim 1, wherein said contract is an assignment of rights.

5. (cancelled)

6. (currently amended) The ~~computerized system~~ computer readable medium of claim 1, wherein each successive level of information disclosure has associated therewith an increasing level of confidentiality and security.

7. (currently amended) The ~~computerized system~~ computer readable medium of claim 1, wherein said demands ~~comprise~~ are compensation comprising one or more of money, certificate authentication, or agreements.

8. (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) The ~~computerized system~~ computer readable medium of claim 1, further comprising the step of machine readable code for permitting connecting the connection to a network core site that offers peripheral services relating to the marketing or exchange of patents or trade secrets offered through the network core site.

10. (currently amended) A method of using the ~~computerized system~~ computer readable medium of claim 1 comprising:

(1) a seller ~~presenting~~ inputting varying levels ~~a first level~~ of said information disclosure and imputing requests for responses to said varying levels of information disclosure which are presented to said purchaser relating to said patent or trade secret to the purchaser via said system and requesting a first response, said first response comprising a fulfillment of a first demand by said purchaser;

(2) said purchaser inputting the fulfillment of demands to said requests which are presented to said seller fulfilling said first demand via said system; and

(3) ~~said seller presenting information disclosure that is more confidential and more secure than said first level of disclosure~~

~~relating to said patent or trade secret to the purchaser via said system and requesting a second response, said second response comprising a fulfillment of a second demand by said purchaser;~~
~~(4) said purchaser fulfilling said second demand via said system;~~
and
(5) said seller and said purchaser optionally inputting an offer and an acceptance to enter ~~entering~~ into a contract relative to said patent ~~or trade secret~~.

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 10, further comprising said seller inputting presenting additional levels of disclosure and inputting requests for by ~~the seller and the seller requesting~~ additional responses, said additional responses comprising fulfillment of additional demands, and wherein ~~wherein~~ the purchaser inputting the fulfillment of fulfills said demands before entering into the contract.

12. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein said contract is a licensing agreement.

13. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein said contract is an assignment of rights.

14. (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) The method of claim 10, wherein each successive level of ~~presenting~~ information disclosure has associated therewith an increasing level of confidentiality and security.

16. (currently) The method of claim 10, wherein said demands ~~comprise~~ are compensation comprising one or more of money, certificate authentication, or agreements.

17. (cancelled)

18. (currently amended) The method of claim 10, further comprising accessing peripheral services by the purchaser or seller relating to marketing or exchange of said patent ~~or trade secret available on the network~~ prior to entering into the contract.

19. (currently amended) A computer program product comprising: ~~a computer usable medium having program logic stored thereon, wherein said program logic comprises machine readable code to enable the~~ machine readable program code computerized system of claim 1 ~~to interest and retain at least one qualified purchaser of a patent or trade secret, wherein the machine readable code~~ comprises:

- ~~1) machine readable code to enable the seller to present a first level of disclosure of the patent or trade secret to the purchaser via the central network core site and request a first response, said first response comprising a fulfillment of a first demand by the purchaser;~~
- ~~2) machine readable code to enable the purchaser to fulfill the first demand;~~
- ~~3) machine readable code to enable the seller to present a second level of disclosure of the patent or trade secret that is more~~

~~confidential and more secure than said first level of disclosure to the purchaser via the central network core site and request a second response, said second response comprising a fulfillment of the second demand by the purchaser;~~

- ~~4) machine readable code to enable the purchaser to fulfill the second demand; and~~
- ~~5) machine readable code to enable the seller and the purchaser to optionally enter into a contract relative to the patent or trade secret.~~

20. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 19 further comprising machine readable program code to cause a computer to enable the purchaser or seller to use ~~the~~ a central network core site to perform peripheral services relating to the marketing or exchange of the patent ~~or trade secret~~.

21. (currently amended) The ~~computerized system~~ computer readable medium of claim 1, wherein the first and second responses are requested by the purchaser and comprise fulfillment of a first and second demand by the seller, and the seller fulfills the first and second demands.

22. (previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 21, wherein the purchaser requests additional responses from the seller to view additional levels of disclosure, said additional responses comprising fulfillment of additional demands by the seller, wherein the seller fulfills said demands before entering into the contract.

23. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the first and second responses are requested by the purchaser and comprise fulfillment of a first and second demand by the seller, and the seller fulfills the first and second demands.

24. (original) The method of claim 23, wherein the purchaser requests additional responses from the seller to view additional levels of disclosure, said additional responses comprising fulfillment of additional demands by the seller, wherein the seller fulfills said demands before entering into the contract.

25. (original) The computer program product of claim 19 wherein the machine readable program code enables the first and second responses to be requested by the purchaser and fulfilled by the seller.

26. (currently amended) The ~~computerized system~~ computer readable medium of claim 1, further comprising machine readable program code which when executed receives from ~~permitting~~ the purchaser to a request for a response from the seller comprising fulfillment of a demand by the seller prior to the presentation of each level of disclosure.

27. (currently amended) The computer readable medium ~~computerized system~~ of claim 2, further comprising machine readable program code which when executed ~~permitting~~ receives from the purchaser a request for a response from the seller comprising fulfillment of a demand by the seller prior to the presentation of each level of disclosure.

28. (currently amended) The method of claim 10, further comprising the purchaser inputting a request for ~~requesting~~ a response from the seller comprising

fulfillment of a demand by the seller prior to the presentation of each level of disclosure.

29. (currently amended) The method of claim 11, further comprising the purchaser inputting a request for ~~requesting~~ a response from the seller comprising fulfillment of a demand by the seller prior to the presentation of each level of disclosure.

30. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 19, further comprising machine readable program code which when executed causes a computer to enable receive from the purchaser ~~to also~~ a request for a response from the seller comprising fulfillment of a demand by the seller prior to the presentation of each level of disclosure.

31. (currently amended) The computerized system of claim 1, wherein said patent ~~or trade secret~~ is for an invention to a tangible item or for an invention to a method and wherein said contract permits said purchaser to make multiple copies of said tangible item or perform said method multiple times.

32. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the first level of disclosure is unsecure.

33. (cancelled)

34. (currently amended) The method of claim 10, wherein said ~~computerized system~~ computer readable medium is operable at a network core site that is accessible via ~~on~~ an internet.